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**A REPORT** on inner trends and forecasts of significant developments, dedicated to the preservation of the American way and a free democratic economy by the revival and extension of Christian sharing and the prevention of war by the revelation and correction of the causes of war. **WE BELIEVE** that if our society moves vigorously forward under the impulses of its Judaic-Christian traditions and concepts of truth, we will avoid the curse of violent change as represented by the evils of communism. **WE ARE CONVINCED** that the American answer for both communism and democratic socialism is a revitalized Christian capitalism that promotes closer management-worker cooperation, greater worker participation in ownership, profit-sharing, systems of pensions or security out of production and other forms of applied Christian sharing. **WE STAND** for our country, right or wrong, rejoicing when it is right, but when authoritative evidence indicates our country is being influenced into the wrong, we believe that the greatest patriotism will be to seek through democratic means to set our country right. **WE HOLD** this to be the highest service to patriotism and to God.

## Moving Forward

One of America's great debating teams is composed of prisoners from a state penitentiary! The Norfolk, Mass., prison team has defeated the famous debating team from Britain's Oxford University, as well as teams from Harvard, Columbia, etc. The Norfolk prison colony began its debating program 20 years ago when the prison superintendent, Howard B. Gill, now a professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, decided that the best way to help the men in prison was to get the outside world interested in them. He enlisted the sponsorship of public-spirited citizens in the community in an educational program, and today the prison day is divided — half work and half school classes. The debating squad includes 16 men, of whom 12 are considered capable of meeting any college debating team. Most of their material must be gathered by letters through the prison office. The material is then studied, and work-out debates within the squad are recorded and then played back. Compared to the great sums spent on crime and law enforcement, it takes very little to bring about transformation in human character — through such goodwill and personal interest.

**DECISIVE PROGRESS** will come soon in the fight against racial segregation in the public schools. An omen is the recent decision by a Federal judge in Delaware, **ordering the admission of Negro students into the elementary and high schools heretofore reserved for whites.** The offer of state officials to provide "equal facilities" in segregated schools was refused by the judge on the grounds that segregation impedes the normal mental health and development of the Negro child. The Delaware decision will influence pending Supreme Court decisions in South Carolina, Kansas and Virginia.

## X-Ray and Forecast

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICIALS are scaring the public afresh with the propaganda that "now, between May 15 and Sept. 30, flying conditions over the Arctic are at the best, so we must be on the look-out for an A-bomb attack during this dangerous period". Of course civil defense people are just handing out stuff that has been handed down to them. But it is an unwarranted exploitation of public sentiment and a multilation of the instincts of children who are being taught to dive under archways and run flying into school basements "so the Russians can't kill them with atom bombs." Some reasonable system of civil protection **is** needed but it should be presented as a disaster relief program for **all calamities — floods, fires, earthquakes and war.** What we are getting is geared only for bombs from Russia.

Behind this new flare-up: The civil defense program, based only on war and war scare, has bogged down; people are tired of war talk, have slowly come to realize that Russia is not going to attack us but will continue trying to involve us elsewhere. And Congress is beginning to balk at the big military appropriations, has been trying to cut down some armament spending — in response to protests over high taxes. **So the military bosses have put the heat on to "scare 'em again,** get civil defense going, get the appropriations passed." Hence, every little rumor is being twisted into a war scare — when **there is not a single authentic report of either a Russian or satellite mobilization in any responsible hands now.**

These warnings of a hovering Russian A-bomb attack are usually attributed to "military intelligence" — which has repeatedly proved to be unreliable. At Salerno and Anzio in Italy, before the Battle of the Bulge, with MacArthur in Korea — "military intelligence" was so inaccurate and blundering, that we would have been as well off with a ouija board. Even from the fighting zones, the best sources of information now are the diplomats, newsmen and tradesmen, who are going and coming constantly through the iron curtain. **They bring no reports of military concentrations and preparations as would have to precede an effective assault on this country.** That would be too big an operation to hide.

Pearl Harbor is often held up as a warning, but **our Government had received ample warning of a Japanese attack build-up before Pearl Harbor,** as the results of the Pearl Harbor inquiry show. The politicians were just too busy "politiking" in Washington, while the Army and Navy boys were too much involved with traditional Saturday night parties to pay adequate attention.

**Now our military extremists are building big bomber bases in a dozen places close to Russia — Turkey, Greece, Crete, Iran, North Africa and are planning to do the same in Norway — all within close range of Russian cities. Then we say the Russians are suspicious and hard to deal with! But whenever the Reds build an air base between their cities and our crowding attack centers, we are told that the Russians are getting ready to attack us!**

ONE OF OUR FORECASTS hasn't yet materialized — that the military extremists were losing ground to our more moderate military leaders. The trend is still there, but for the present, extremism has been revived. To keep the issue clear: the moderates favor a reasonable defense pattern in cooperation with England and Western Europe, neutralizing Germany rather than forcing German rearmament, keeping strong in the Far Pacific with what cooperation we can get from Japan without precipi-

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## Foreign Strikes

Many press reports on the Communists in Guatemala have been misleading, especially in connection with the strike of Guatemalan workers against the American-owned United Fruit Company, which operates large banana plantations, shipping lines, etc. The impression has been given that the Communists control Guatemalan labor and that the Reds dominate the Guatemalan Government, with the clear implication that the American people should compel Washington officials to do something about this threat to American security.

But reliable newsmen returning from Guatemala give a very different picture. They explain that communism is a potent factor there as in all of the clerical-ridden, impoverished Latin-American countries, and that, in Guatemala, Red agitators have infiltrated into some positions in the **lower echelons** of the Guatemalan Government and into the labor unions. But, reveals H. L. Matthews, noted correspondent of the N. Y. Times (Mar. 28-29) **the Communists have no place of influence or power either in the Government or within the actual labor leadership.** The Reds are noisy, nervy, but amateurish and ineffective.

There is danger, says Mr. Matthews, that the Government underestimates the fundamental threat of communism and still believes it can work with them, but no Communist power domination is as yet **even in sight** in Guatemala. He explains that the United Fruit Company's trouble has been caused by a rising spirit of **nationalism,** instead of communism — such as led the Mexican Government to expel the American Oil companies and expropriate their properties. "The Reds enthusiastically supported such national policies, but it only distorts the meaning of what happens to hold the Reds responsible,"

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states Mr. Matthews.

This situation is important because other newsmen, agreeing with the N. Y. Times' report, have added that the American companies have long assumed that the Guatemalan economy could not survive without them (as was the attitude of the American oil men in Mexico and Venezuela and of the British in Iran). But young, educated Guatemalans, like young Mexicans, Iranians and others, have reasoned it out that their national economies would not only survive without the foreign companies, but, despite the lack of native technicians, they could profit as much by smaller production and, in addition, greatly conserve their resources.

## The Moving Spotlight

**OLDER WORKERS:** The Federation Employment Service of New York, a non-sectarian, non-profit vocational guidance organization, has made a survey of working men and women between the ages of 40 and 60. Results show that 83 per cent of the older workers equalled or bettered the production records of younger workers; 42 per cent were even judged to be better in their jobs than the younger workers; 1 per cent were considered not as productive as the younger persons. These findings add to the growing body of hope that our economic system will find ways of continuing the usefulness of the many elderly people who are making up an ever larger portion of our population.

**IMPORTANT MOVIE:** "With These Hands" is the title of a full-length sound film, produced by the International Ladies' Garment Workers union, which depicts the dramatic struggle of sweat-shop toilers in the garment trades up through poverty and exploitation to the high level of organization and human service, which now characterizes that great union. Large business interests have used films very effectively in the past to tell the story of free enterprise and the virtues of capitalism. For a balanced and factual picture of the American industrial system, labor's experience also should receive its share of study. This film provides such a document. Free labor groups of the Western world are showing "With These Hands" abroad as an effective method of combatting the growth of communism among impoverished workers of Europe and Asia. See the film when you can and catch a glimpse of what could be done to fight Communist tyranny with peaceful weapons.

**THE FARMERS UNION:** In our recent reference to the Farmers Union, we did not make clear the

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tating a crisis there, localizing and liquidating our conflict with China as soon as possible, keeping most of our men and guns in our own Hemisphere.

The military extremists want to chain Japan and West Germany down to military servitude; cut China's jugular vein; keep a knife at Russia's back in Asia, at Russia's belly in the Near East and at Russia's throat in Central Europe. Such extremism historically has always led to disaster abroad and tyranny at home. They are now demanding that all American youth be put under military domination. In their policy of over-extending our armed might, forcing the issue upon our potential foes, aggravating existing animosities rather than seeking to ameliorate them, draining our economic life of its resources by wasteful, graft-ridden military expenditures, these military extremists in and out of uniform are more dangerous to American security and freedom than all the rag-tailed Communists in the Western Hemisphere.

This danger resides, not just in Washington — it is all around you. You can find chances every day to combat it and in so doing to serve the noblest interests of your country, realistically and constructively.

THE PATH TO WAR: The deception and betrayal of the best interests of the American people by a powerful bloc of politicians, publishers and business groups in the name of "saving China" now stands as a matter of record. In the wild scramble for political issues, truth and honesty have been left behind. All are familiar with the way the Communists conquered China. Exhausted and impoverished by prolonged wars, disillusioned and embittered by the increasing misrule of the Chaing Kai shek regime, the Chinese people were deceived into accepting the Chinese Communists as a "reform party" that would bring them relief from their political and economic miseries. They were enticed to provide sufficient organizational support and manpower, until the Communist forces could firmly seize power and finally establish the "dictatorship of the proletariat", and China could join the World Internationale of Soviet States. (It is important to note that while the Communists' world-wide system derives its chief support and direction from Moscow, **most authorities on Asian affairs believe that Mao Tse-tung regards himself as superior to Stalin and an equal of Lenin, rather than an underling of Stalin.** Stalin has been an accomplice of Lenin in establishing the first **workers'** revolutionary state in Russia. **But Mao considers himself the creator of the first PEASANT revolutionary state,** an approach and technique Lenin considered impossible — "You can organize the worker, but the peasant never". Stalin, on succeeding Lenin in Russia, likewise believed the revolution could never be brought about through the peasantry and sought several times to liquidate Mao Tse tung as a menace to the revolutionary movement in Russia. (See "Mao Tse tung" by Robert Payne, publ. by Schuman; also "Chinese Communism and the Rise of Mao" by Benjamin Schwartz, publ. by Harvard University).

THE RISE OF COMMUNISM IN CHINA, however, is only half the story as it is related to the interests of the American people. The other half concerns the manner in which the regime of Chiang Kai shek has used American congressmen, American newspaper publishers, in league with certain American business interests — altogether now known as the **"China Lobby"** — to plunder the American taxpayer of hundreds of millions of dollars that were supposedly devoted to "saving China". Yet much of that money has gone into the personal possession of the small corrupt clique of Chinese families surrounding Chiang Kai shek. These facts have now been established in three ways:

FIRST: A few months ago there were numerous press reports revealing that some of Chiang Kai shek's top aides in this country were quarreling with their boss about what had become of, and who was entitled to, several million dollars that had been sent to this country for purchasing military supplies (See BTL, Sept. 17, '51). This was long after the "China Lobby" congressmen and the reactionary newspapers had repeatedly assured the American people that the corruption of the Chiang regime had been exaggerated in this country by "left-wingers" and that any irregularities had been cleansed by the reorganized Chiang Government on Formosa. **But these fresh reports of the continued corruption in the Chiang regime were published in enough papers to at least crack the gold-plated front of the China Lobby.** A few congressmen ducked for cover and there was a playing-down of the Chiang activities here.

THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT came when certain Republican senators and their Democratic colleagues rebelled against the continued machinations of the China Lobby in Congress, and presented on the floor of the Senate undeniable evidence of the lobby's activities and demanded a congressional investigation. The evidence consisted of letters written to Chiang Kai shek by his agents in this country **which revealed the intimate association between Chiang's agents and members of Congress, the activities of these agents in buying up the services of men of**

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difference between the National Farmers Union and the National Farm Labor Union. **The National Farmers Union** (officially the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America) is an organization founded by farm leaders in Texas in 1902 which recently celebrated its Golden Anniversary at its national convention in Dallas. This is a general purpose farm organization, similar to the Farm Bureau though differing sharply in viewpoint; it has no connection with any labor organization, although it has excellent working arrangements and fraternal relations with most labor organizations. An entirely different and separate organization is the **National Farm Labor Union,** made up of farm workers and tenant farmres and affiliated with the AFL; it originated in Arkansas in the 1930's as the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, then afterward changed to its present name and affiliated with the AFL.

OVER 3,000 FARM LEADERS from 77 countries visited the U. S. last year to study our agricultural techniques.

**BIG LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENTS** will soon announce the results of a survey instituted by the liquor interests and conducted by a responsible research corporation. The study indicates that heavy drinking among industrial workers is so rare and well controlled that business management considers this as neither a major problem nor a threat to national production. Temperance leaders have made much of the inefficiency, absenteeism and general disability in industrial production caused by drinking among the workers. This research report, to be given wide publicity, will be presented as the answer of the liquor interests to the temperance arguments.

But here's the "catch" in the whole liquor research job: business management also conceded that, in their opinion, **the reason so few alcoholics were found in industrial production ranks was because they had been fired!** Many firms whose executives were interviewed in the survey reported, "Alcoholism is an important problem, but it doesn't give us too much trouble. Those who can't be straightened out by Alcoholics Anonymous or a doctor are discharged." So, while the survey to be publicized will minimize the threat of alcoholism in industrial efficiency, it will be suppressing the long tragic story of literally millions of American workmen who, because of alcoholism, are not able to hold steady jobs in American industry.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** The lavish gambling establishments in

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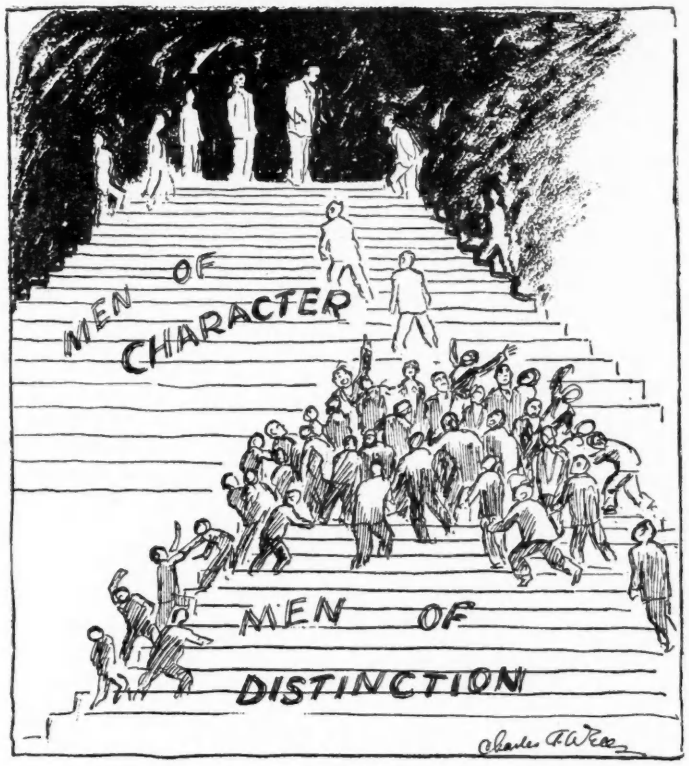
Miami, Reno, Saratoga Springs, Palm Beach, Hot Springs and Las Vegas, which were closed in the wake of Senator Kefauver's investigation, have recently been copied in the Dominican Republic by Dictator Trujillo. Many employees from former U. S. gambling centers moved down to the Dominican casinos, and during Florida's "season" a plane called "Lady Luck" left Miami every Saturday, returning Monday, taking gamblers to and from the Dominican Republic for weekends. Gambling there has increased 400 per cent and the growth is expected to reach 1,000 per cent, **according to the nation's own press releases distributed to Florida hotels and newspapers.**

**CONSECUTIVE WORK FOR PEACE:** Dr. D. R. Ingles, top atomic scientist, makes a challenging suggestion in a recent issue of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, on methods of solving present dangerous international conflicts. Dr. Ingles points out that the large projects in scientific research, which have so drastically altered the world's material outlook, were nearly all **accomplished by teams of devoted scientists assigned to the task without political, diplomatic or even military interference** — until the objectives were accomplished. The atom bomb project, which the German scientists under Hitler had abandoned as impossible and which even to the American scientists seemed admittedly fantastic, was thus consumated. Dr. Ingles suggests that teams of skilled individuals, free from the destructive and chaotic action of the propaganda warfare and domestic politics, could be assigned to the task of working out paths to peace, instituting negotiations — "working behind the scenes where consecutive thought" and effort is possible.

**"PEACE, WAR AND YOU"** is the title of a valuable new book on the critical issues of our day by Dr. Jerome Davis, noted scholar on U. S.-Russian relationships and the problems of war and peace. This volume, published by Henry Schuman, Inc., may be secured from The Committee for Promoting Enduring Peace, 489 Ocean Ave., West Haven, Conn., for $3. post paid. With an introduction by Clarence Pickett, **"Peace, War and You"** presents a carefully documented **study of the trends that lead to World War III and how they may be influenced and remedied.** Most important is his clear challenge for effective individual action. Pearl Buck called it "The most useful hand-book I have yet seen, in answering the usual arguments for militarism. This book should and must be read."

**DISTINCTION WITHOUT CHARACTER**




*Little men — who have neglected character — sometimes scramble and push their way into places of responsibility and importance, then fail because they achieve distinction without character. This is true in business as well as in government circles. But when survival becomes the issue, integrity and character are deciding factors for men or institutions. There can be no real distinction without character, and character is the fruit of spiritual growth.*

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**influence in and out of public life, with the understanding that they would use their prestige to secure large sums of money for the Chiang regime.** High lights from these letters, presented to the Senate by Sen. Wayne Morse, also revealed that such congressional figures as Taft, Knowland, McCarthy, Judd and others eagerly cooperated with the Chiang lobbyists, gave them much information and advice on how to influence public opinion and congressional action. Some of the information was labelled secret by Chiang's agents, information certain of these congressmen had secured from the State Department but which the lawmakers insist was not really secret. Gen. Wedemeyer was offered five million dollars in a lump sum to aid the Chiang regime, an offer the general courageously refused, advising the Chinese spokesmen that "if you have that kind of money to spare, you had better use it to help China."

THE FINAL STAGE in these revelations came when Reporter Magazine published the results of a six months study of the China Lobby, laying it all bare in an orderly, restrained and authoritative manner. In its issues of April 15 and 29, this courageous new journal outlines how, in diplomatic and political circles, Chiang's agents were directed by the wealthy Chinese financiers, H. H. Kung, T. V. Soong, their sons and kinsmen, whose wealth has admittedly grown enormously during the years of American aid to China (much of which is now deposited in their private accounts in American banks). These men of great wealth have entertained congressmen lavishly, have maintained intimate contacts with Congress and the State Department. The business connections of Chiang's groups have been organized through certain American trading corporations and a wealthy importer, Alfred Kohlberg, along with an odd collection of former Christian-fronters and others of unsavory background. Sen. McCarthy became the China Lobby's chief mouthpiece in Congress with his collaborators in press and radio joining in.

Documentary evidence reveals that the aim of the China Lobby in and out of Washington was: **(1) To destroy the careers of all who had deserted the support of the Chiang Kai shek regime, including such figures as Gen. Marshall, Dean Acheson and many others.** (Remember the sneering hysterical attack against Gen. Marshall, made in the Senate by McCarthy, echoed by China Lobby stooges on the air and in the press?) **GOP leaders themselves had to squash these onslaughts because the at-**

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## Catholic Issues

In dealing with matters of Catholic policy, we wish to repeat that we never criticize Catholicism **as a religion.** Whenever we discuss the Catholic Church, it is in the area of **its political activities and its political ideologies,** where, as an authoritarian organization, it often clashes with the American tradition of government by the people. However, we are convinced that, when the American Catholics achieve a fair representation in the still pre-dominantly Italian College of Cardinals, it is inevitable that the political character of Catholicism will be tempered by the freedom and democracy in which American Catholics are bred.

**THE AVALANCHE OF LETTERS** that descended upon Congress, **protesting the Truman proposal to establish an Ambassadorship to the Vatican,** has been for many leading senators **the heaviest mail in their careers.** Even the Catholic Standard, official organ of the R. C. Archdiocese of Washington, D. C., reported (Jan. 18) that the mail opposing the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican had surpassed all known records. Said the Standard, "It is a fact that the protest mail is arriving in great volume. A sample check of Senatorial offices by the Standard shows the following: Sen. Martin of Pennsylvania has received between 30,000 and 50,000 messages. Of these, only about 200 favor the nomination. Sen. Knowland of California has received about 5,000 letters and only ten for the Vatican appointment."

**PROTESTANTS IN COLOMBIA:** Since our recent report on persecution of Protestants in Colombia, South America, fresh outbursts have occurred. There have been 23 more instances of brutality and oppression involving different Protestant groups since Feb. 15. Protestant homes in eight Colombian provinces have been burned or confiscated. Other homes were searched and Bibles destroyed. Police, under priestly direction, have broken up services in private homes and, in one case, armed police forbade a family to read the Bible at home. Priests also led a throng of children to the Presbyterian Church in one community and directed them in stoning the building and chanting anti-Protestant taunts. Police stood by while a mob attacked worshipers during a Sunday service, and on another occasion a man was stabbed. Police, under the domination of Catholic authorities, have prohibited the distribution of Protestant literature and a man with Protestant books in his suitcase was kicked and otherwise brutalized and held incommunicado for two days.

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gota, April 19. The AP report stated that the involvement of the police in so many cases apparently indicated that the Government's official position reflects the Catholic clergy's stand. Formerly church and state officials have usually deplored all instances of persecution. It is now pointed out that Colombia's constitution does not guarantee non-Catholics the right to seek converts; they may worship, but they cannot teach their religion to anyone! Some of these persecutions have been witnessed personally by the U. S. Ambassador to Colombia, according to the AP report.

**CARDINAL SPELLMAN,** chief of the Catholic hierarchy in America, visited Bogota, Colombia, some weeks ago and was given the keys to the city and received other honors from the Colombian Government. While there the Cardinal spoke much of liberty and democracy, but there is no record of his making any statement or giving any attention to the deliberate destruction of the liberty and democracy of Colombian citizens who happen to belong to other faiths.

The reason the persecution of Protestants in Catholic countries is so important to the American Protestant is because **these persecutions take place under the domination of the same church that conducts a persistent and growing power-drive to make America Catholic.** Yet seldom, if ever, is there any protest from the American hierarchy over these outrages against freedom and democracy in traditionally Catholic countries. Such silence can only mean that the American hierarchy accepts these persecutions as a part of the church's traditional program for the perpetration of the faith. Catholic laymen are honest and sincere in their belief that the Catholic religion does not stand for tyranny and persecution, but their own hierarchy gives them little foundation for that hope and faith.

**THE CHRISTOPHERS:** Many Protestants have become interested in "The Christophers", a movement led by a Catholic missionary priest from Maryknoll Seminary and Monastary in New York. The Christophers was originally a movement among practicing Roman Catholics, but today, though it **remains under the absolute direction of the hierarchy,** The Christophers have enlisted the participation of Protestants and now present their program as an inter-faith project. Nonetheless, the literature of The Christophers reveals their technique for conditioning the minds of many to think and act like Roman Catholics. Their teachings cleverly cover up the Roman Catholic doctrines which are diametrically opposed to the tenets of Protestant evangelical

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**tacks were so completely without supporting evidence** that public opinion was reacting strongly — with considerable harm to the Republican Party prestige. Some day history will make clear that Gen. Marshall and those associated with him did not sidle up to the Reds as has been so viciously misrepresented in this country. General Marshall simply found that the situation had deteriorated beyond repair. **(2). To secure an unlimited supply of American tax money to support the Chiang regime and to suppress all news of corruption in the regime and to destroy any who tried to expose this corruption by smearing them as Communists or Communist sympathizers. (3). To promote the use of American arms and manpower in aiding Chiang Kai shek to renew the civil war on China's mainland that the Generalissimo might again be restored to power.**

THE MOST ASTOUNDING POINT in the whole revelation is that the Chiang cohorts in this country **very frankly advocate that to "put things right in China" and return Chiang Kai shek to power, we must accept World War III as a necessary prerequisite!** The documents submitted by Reporter Magazine provide evidence of **this brazen policy of the China Lobby.** Yet military strategists predict that World War III will last from 8 to 15 years or more, will cost 20 to 30 million American lives in the atomic attacks on our cities; and in the wholesale destruction of our nation's property and life, we cannot hope to retain our freedom as we have known it or our capitalistic economy.

IS THIS THE PICTURE **that Senators Taft, McCarran, McCarthy and other lesser political figures are asking the American people to accept as part of their policy of supporting Chiang Kai shek and the China Lobby?** The Chinese leaders in the China Lobby say it is. **Is this the picture some of our confused and strangely ill-informed missionary leaders are also urging, to bring the Kingdom of Christ back to China by renewed civil war that will promptly blossom into a global holocaust of World War III?** Chiang's spokesmen say it is so.

**The conquest of China by the Communists was a tremendous and tragic loss to the free world** and the tragedy is even deepened by the fact that there is still much evidence that Chiang Kai shek remains a sincere Christian. But he was deceived and betrayed on every hand by those whom he trusted and loved. But this revolution in China did not come about **just because we failed to send a few more ship loads of guns and gadgets** to support the crumbling Chiang Kai shek Government. About all we could have done was to prop Chiang up a little longer; the tide had already turned back in the deep life of China, beyond our reach.

This upheaval has been a hundred years in the making and involves one-fourth the human race, **with generations of social and religious disintegration.** Moral standards and old religions, based on ancient superstitions, have been falling away while Western political and commercial exploitation has infected the lives of millions with seething resentments. Another burst of global hatred and killing will not cure that. Only God working through history will meet the need. And God working through history is God working through men, through the hosts of Chinese Christians now living under the Communist rule, but carrying on courageously; through the thousand of Chinese Christian churches and hundreds of Christian schools established by the heroes of the Cross now driven out by tyranny but whose work will endure and grow.

WHILE THIS REPORT on the maneuvers of the China-American-Chiang lobby reveals how the public has been betrayed and how wars are created, the facts about Chiang Kai shek's present regime in Formosa, considered as a war potential, do not justify alarm. We have reported from various sources in the past that it is very unlikely that a successful effort can be made to rehabilitate Chiang and really launch a military offensive onto the China mainland. The pro-Chiang American politicians who have visited Formosa and been entertained by the Generalissimo, and the charming Madame Chiang, always talk in glowing terms of the military potential of Chiang's forces. **But realistic appraisals by newsmen say just the opposite.** Much evidence shows that Chiang's 500,000 man army could not provide more than three divisions of able fighting men — some put the figure at 25,000 or less. Graft, corruption, inner dissension still riddle his forces, as evidenced by the recent outbreak ten thousand miles away. There is also much rebellion among the Formosans against Chiang's rule over the island, for it has only been a short time ago that he slaughtered thousands of them when he took over the island — hence underground resistance is inevitable. American military missions on Formosa are only trying to rebuild Chiang forces to the extent that they can be integrated into the American Far Pacific defense system, holding Formosa against possible Communist expansion as we expect to hold Japan in league with the rearmed Japanese, and the Philippines etc. Any talk you hear of doing more than that is political hot air without supporting facts. (For a close-up of the Formosa situation, see the report in the March United Nations World.)

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Christianity and American democratic traditions. When a Protestant joins The Christophers he is not told that the Roman Catholic Church officially brands Protestants as heretics and "polluters of the faith". Roman Catholics are bound under pain of mortal sin and excommunication not to deal with Protestants in divine or spiritual things. In some countries they are under the same oath not to deal with Protestants in politics or even business. **But, as a missionary organization to draw non-Catholics into the area of Catholic thought,** The Christophers apparently are permitted these liberties.

The movement takes its name from a martyr of the third century who, legend holds, was extraordinarily strong and after baptism devoted himself to carrying people across a dangerous stream of water. In this task he once found himself carrying Christ. Since St. Christopher is identified with water, rivers and transportation, the Roman Catholic Church has traditionally publicized St. Christopher medals for travelers, teaching that those who wear these medals, or even attach them to their automobiles, are protected from danger. On the other hand, Newsweek (Dec. 6, 1949) reported that a five-year-old was found drowned near Seattle with a Christopher medal around his neck. The same medal had been taken from the body of the boy's father, who had also been drowned four years before.

Any movement — Catholic, Protestant or otherwise — **which persuades men to devote their lives to loving service to God and fellowman is worthy of the participation of all.** But this does not require that we should not know the background and unspoken motives of any organization that utilizes these virtues for other aims.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES** in the U. S. have been growing at a rapid rate and **now have a record enrollment** of 4 million students, an increase of 35 per cent in the last ten years, according to a recent survey of parochial education. The increase is expected to continue with an estimated 40 per cent growth by 1960. The chief problem is **the growing shortage of clerical educators** for the Roman Catholic schools.

**VATICAN FUNDS:** We mentioned recently that the Catholics of America provide more funds for the Vatican than all the rest of the world combined: The Catholic Register, Oct. 14, '51, reported that over half of the Roman Catholic mission support comes from this country, although only 4 per cent of the Catholic missionaries come from the U. S.